













ANNUAL REPORTS  
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# Town Officers

## ELECTED BIENIALLY.

*Moderator,*  
FRANK H. PEARSON.

*Representative to General Court,*  
CHARLES J. BREWSTER.

*Supervisors of Check List,*  
PAUL W. GOODSOE, BENJAMIN E. PRAY,  
G. ARTHUR GOWEN.

## ELECTED ANNUALLY.

*Town Clerk,*  
CHARLES N. LANE.

*Selectmen,*  
GILBERT A. THOMPSON, MARSHALL S. CHASE,  
BENJAMIN BRIERLEY.

*Treasurer,*  
GEORGE L. BARKER.

*Collector of Taxes,*  
MARK F. PIPER.

*Auditors,*  
GEORGE W. DIXON, FRANK H. PEARSON.

*Board of Education,*  
PERCY E. JEWELL, ALBERT C. LANE.

*Truant Officer,*  
WILFRED BATCHELDER.

*Library Trustees,*  
GEORGE L. BARKER, GEORGE E. GOWEN.

## APPOINTED.

*Police Officer,*  
WILFRED BATCHELDER.

*Board of Health,*  
FRED N. EDMUNDS, BENJAMIN E. PRAY,  
JOHN W. MARSH.



# Town Warrant

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## THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

[L. s.]

*To the Inhabitants of the Town of Stratham, in the County of Rockingham, in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:*

You are hereby notified to meet at Town Hall in said Stratham on Tuesday, the eleventh day of March next, at ten of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriation of the same.

3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate money for the celebration of Old Home day.

4. To see if the Town will vote to accept State Aid for highway improvement, raise and appropriate money for same.

5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate money for Public Library.

6. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, fifteenth day of February, in the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred and thirteen.

G. A. THOMPSON,  
M. S. CHASE,  
BENJ. BRIERLEY,

*Selectmen of Stratham.*

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

G. A. THOMPSON,  
M. S. CHASE,  
B. BRIERLEY,

*Selectmen of Stratham.*

# Selectmen's Report

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Polls, 164.....	\$16,400 00
Land and buildings.....	393,625 00
Horses, 182.....	18,160 00
Cows, 401.....	13,910 00
Neat stock, 113.....	2,565 00
Hogs, 13.....	106 00
Fowls, 2,497.....	1,375 00
Vehicles, 16.....	3,575 00
Oxen, 6.....	520 00
Sheep, 72.....	288 00
Wood and lumber.....	10,310 00
Stock in public funds.....	2,890 00
Money on hand.....	10,971 24
Stock in trade.....	4,211 00
Mills and machinery.....	1,300 00
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	\$480,206 24
Soldiers' exemptions.....	8,585 00
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	\$471,621 24
Increase in valuation.....	\$97,350 24

Rate of taxation, \$1.42; district, 53c.

## APPROPRIATIONS.

State tax.....	\$1,224 00
County tax.....	1,229 20
Schools by law.....	1,147 50
Schools voted in school meeting.....	1,175 00
Old Home Day.....	50 00
Highway tax.....	1,243 68
Overlay.....	638 21
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Total amount raised.....	\$6,707 59



## FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

*Liabilities.*

George W. Dixon, note at 4 per cent. . . . .	\$500 00
Charles E. Pickering, note at 4 per cent. . .	750 00
“ “ “ “ “ ..	500 00
Charles E. Gear “ “ “ ..	1,500 00
Amanda M. Lane library fund. . . . .	700 00
Trust funds. . . . .	150 00
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	\$4,100 00

*Assets.*

Balance on hand Feb. 15, 1913. . . . .	\$1,574 34
Uncollected taxes. . . . .	608 27
Due from county on account of poor . . . . .	\$150 25
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	\$2,332 86

Total indebtedness Feb. 15, 1913. . . . . \$1,767 14

Decrease, \$280.47

G. A. THOMPSON,  
M. S. CHASE,  
BENJ. BRIERLEY,

*Selectmen of Stratham.*

# Treasurer's Report

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## TREASURER GEORGE L. BARKER'S RECEIPTS,

1912-1913.

Balance on hand .....	\$1,855 04
George M. Hall, cemetery lot .....	15 00
State Treasurer, insurance tax .....	8 25
Railroad tax .....	322 08
Savings bank tax .....	832 62
Literary fund .....	82 28
Proportion of school fund .....	714 20
State highway .....	317 44
State highway repairs ...	56 63
Charles N. Lane, dog tax .....	106 93
Charles N. Lane, nomination fees .....	5 00
Town of Hampton, school books .....	2 40
J. E. Cooper, apples on library lot .....	1 00
Collector M. F. Piper .....	6,045 69
Winnicut Club, rent of room .....	7 50
A. E. West, Janitor Town Hall .....	8 11
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Amount received for year ending Feb. 15, 1913...	\$10,380 17
Expenditures .....	8,805 80
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	\$1,574 37

## TREASURER BARKER'S DISCHARGE.

### ABATEMENTS.

Edwin M. Barnes, abatement on horse .....	\$3 30
J. G. Barnard, abatement on poll tax .....	2 20
Frank Boody .....	2 84
George W. Dixon .....	8 52
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\$16 86



## BOARD OF HEALTH.

Benjamin E. Pray, services .....	\$8 00
Fred N. Edmunds, services .....	1 65

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\$9 65

## COUNTY CHARGES.

For Mrs. George Wentworth:

G. A. Thompson, wood .....	\$7 50
G. W. Dixon, wood .....	2 75
George H. Odell, supplies .....	33 00
G. A. Thompson, wood .....	14 00
Dr. D. C. McLachlan .....	7 50
G. A. Thompson, wood .....	6 00
George H. Odell, supplies .....	33 00
G. A. Thompson, wood .....	13 50
J. T. Smart, rent .....	18 00
G. H. Odell, supplies .....	15 00

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\$150 25

## PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Frank H. Pearson, insurance .....	\$20 00
G. A. Thompson, wood .....	6 50
George W. Dixon, insurance on books .....	2 82
Louie A. Mugridge, services .....	32 40
George E. Gowen, lamps .....	2 50
Library tax .....	53 40
Lane fund .....	28 00
Wood .....	10 00
Labor on library .....	11 70

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\$167 32

## STATE HIGHWAY.

M. S. Chase, Superintendent .....	\$911 39
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## STATE HIGHWAY REPAIRS.

W. B. Snell .....	\$31 50
Edwin M. Smart .....	6 13
Benjamin E. Pray .....	20 25
M. S. Chase .....	9 00
M. S. Chase .....	23 60
G. A. Thompson .....	36 50
H. G. Brierley .....	10 15

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\$137 13

## OLD HOME DAY.

Mrs. J. T. Smart, Treasurer .....	\$50 00
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## TOWN OFFICERS.

Benjamin Brierley, services after auditing ...	\$5 50
G. A. Thompson, services after auditing .....	2 50
M. S. Chase, services after auditing .....	3 00
Paul W. Goodsoe, Supervisor 2 years .....	25 58
G. Arthur Gowen, Supervisor 2 years .....	24 50
Benjamin E. Pray, Supervisor 2 years .....	24 50
Charles N. Lane, Town Clerk .....	14 47
Mark F. Piper, Collector .....	77 50
Marshal S. Chase, Selectman .....	45 45
Benjamin Brierley, Selectman .....	44 45
G. A. Thompson, Selectman .....	62 95
George L. Barker, Treasurer .....	50 00
George W. Dixon, Auditor .....	3 00
Frank H. Pearson, Auditor .....	3 00

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\$386 40

## POLICE OFFICERS.

W. H. Batchelder .....	\$1 00
Charles N. Lane, Dog Constable .....	10 00
W. H. Batchelder, taking man to jail .....	2 00

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\$13 00



## ELECTION EXPENSES.

F. N. Edmunds .....	\$3 00
F. N. Edmunds, luncheon for officers .....	6 60
Harry G. Brierley .....	6 00
Frank H. Pearson .....	6 00
G. A. Thompson .....	6 00
B. Brierley .....	6 00
M. S. Chase .....	4 50
G. W. Chase .....	6 00
G. L. Barker .....	6 00

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\$50 10

## STATE AND COUNTY TAX.

Solon A. Carter, state tax .....	\$1,224 00
James L. Parker, county tax .....	1,109 12

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\$2,333 12

## INTEREST ON NOTES.

Charles E. Gear .....	\$60 00
Charles E. Pickering .....	50 00
George W. Dixon .....	20 00

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\$130 00

## SCHOOLS.

Frank H. Pearson, Treasurer .....	\$3,202 13
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## STRATHAM HILL PARK.

W. B. Snell, mowing park .....	\$2 50
George W. Dixon, building fence .....	2 00
George W. Dixon, insurance on flag pole ....	5 40
Lester R. Brewster, labor on flag pole .....	6 00
F. N. Edmunds, gilding and express on eagle..	1 95
E. W. Holmes, painting flag pole .....	18 35
Chadwick & Trefethen, work on eagle .....	2 00
Annie I. Hanley, mending flag .....	2 00

Mortimer B. Hanley, raising flag.....	\$5 50
G. A. Thompson, work on flag pole and new halyards.....	7 50

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\$53 20

## BONDS

Dana W. Baker, Collector's bond.....	\$12 00
Dana W. Baker, Treasurer's bond.....	12 00

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\$24 00

## SUMMER ROADS.

George C. Jewell.....	\$1 00
George R. Brewster.....	10 00
W. B. Snell.....	35 90
J. W. Snell.....	31 25
Otis B. French.....	44 25
John S. Brewster.....	18 00
Fred L. Jewell.....	1 50
Frank I. Witham.....	46 76
H. G. Brierley.....	26 25
A. H. Jewell.....	42 50
Frank E. Moore.....	30 90
James W. Rollins.....	31 25
William L. Morse.....	39 85
A. D. Rowe.....	37 50
George R. Brewster.....	20 00
Sylvester Dame.....	49 00
W. H. Lang.....	34 00
Joseph M. Wiggin.....	23 00
E. Bloomer Jewell.....	16 55
M. S. Chase.....	1 00
Hilliard & Kimball, Akron pipe.....	1 44

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\$541 90



## SNOW PATHS.

H. G. Brierley . . . . .	\$0 90	
George C. Jewell . . . . .	3 23	
Benjamin E. Pray . . . . .	75	
George R. Brewster . . . . .	2 00	
William L. Morse . . . . .	1 50	
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		\$8 38

## TOWN HALL.

M. S. Chase, hauling coal . . . . .	\$2 00	
A. E. McReel, coal . . . . .	8 36	
A. E. McReel, coal . . . . .	3 88	
G. A. Thompson, wood . . . . .	6 50	
Frank H. Pearson, insurance . . . . .	78 75	
Benj. E. Pray, stove and setting up . . . . .	6 00	
C. W. Rogers, wiring hall . . . . .	195 00	
Exeter & Hampton Electric Co., current . . . . .	6 40	
G. A. Thompson, wood and coal . . . . .	28 38	
G. A. Thompson, coal and hauling . . . . .	9 41	
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		\$344 68

## WATERING TROUGHS.

Charles Lane Hanson . . . . .	\$3 00	
James W. Rollins . . . . .	3 00	
George W. Dixon . . . . .	3 00	
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		\$9 00

## TOWN POOR.

H. G. Brierley, hauling coal for Mrs. Barbour . . . . .	\$1 00	
C. H. Young, meat for Mrs. Barbour . . . . .	2 23	
G. H. Odell, supplies for Mrs. Barbour . . . . .	28 71	
C. H. Young, supplies for Mrs. Barbour . . . . .	7 08	
G. A. Thompson, wood for Mrs. Barbour . . . . .	6 00	
George H. Odell, supplies for Mrs. Barbour . . . . .	22 00	
Consolidation Coal Co., coal for Mrs. Barbour . . . . .	14 00	
C. H. Young, meat for Mrs. Barbour . . . . .	13 65	
G. H. Odell, supplies for Mrs. Barbour . . . . .	10 00	
C. B. Caverly, hauling coal for Mrs. Barbour . . . . .	4 00	
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		\$108 67

## CEMETERIES.

Augustus Young, paint and brushes.....\$2 95

## MISCELLANEOUS.

Fred W. Peabody, tuning piano..... \$2 98  
 Benj. Brierley, postage..... 96  
 E. G. Eastman, advice..... 5 00  
 John Templeton, printing town reports..... 40 00  
 J. E. Stockbridge, sale and deed..... 1 46  
 H. P. Montgomery, tuning piano..... 5 50  
 D. C. McLachlan, vaccinating 33 children... 33 00  
 G. H. Odell, tools for town..... 10 87  
 Charles N. Lane, recording vital statistics ... 3 75  
 G. A. Thompson, supplies and telephoning .. 1 84  
 Jas. H. Batchelder, supplies..... 3 20  
 Mark F. Piper, property sold for taxes..... 42 61  
 Mark F. Piper, expense of sale of property... 4 50

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\$155 67

## RECAPITULATION.

Abatements.....\$16 86  
 Board of Health..... 9 65  
 County charges.....150 25  
 Public Library.....167 32  
 State highway.....911 39  
 State highway, repairs.....137 13  
 Old Home Day..... 50 00  
 Town Officers.....386 40  
 Police Officers..... 13 00  
 Election expenses..... 50 10  
 State and county taxes .....2,333 12  
 Interest on notes.....130 00  
 Schools.....3,202 13  
 Stratham Hill park..... 53 20  
 Bonds..... 24 00  
 Summer roads.....541 90

Snow paths.....	\$8 38
Town Hall.....	344 68
Watering troughs.....	9 00
Town poor.....	108 67
Cemeteries.....	2 95
Miscellaneous.....	155 67
Balance on hand.....	1,574 37
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	\$10,380 17

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February 15, 1913.

We have this day examined the foregoing account of Town Treasurer George L. Barker, and find it correctly cast, properly vouched, and a balance on hand of fifteen hundred and seventy-four dollars and thirty-seven cents (\$1,574.37).

GEORGE W. DIXON,  
FRANK H. PEARSON,  
*Auditors.*



## Collector's Report

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Amount of taxes uncollected from 1911 . . .	\$197 35
Amount of taxes committed for 1912 . . . . .	6,707 59
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Total tax committed . . . . .	\$6,904 94
Uncollected taxes . . . . .	\$608 27
Discount . . . . .	125 00
Abatements . . . . .	25 98
Paid Treasurer Barker . . . . .	\$6,145 69
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	\$6,904 94
Paid Treasurer Barker, interest . . . . .	\$10 85

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February 15, 1913.

We have this day examined the account of Tax Collector Mark F. Piper, and find it correctly cast and himself charged with a balance of uncollected taxes of six hundred and eight dollars and twenty-seven cents.

GEORGE W. DIXON,  
FRANK H. PEARSON,  
*Auditors.*

## Town Officers' Bills

*Town of Stratham to G. A. Thompson, Dr.*

Mar., to Portsmouth to meet Tax Commis-	
sioners.....	\$2 70
preparing inventory blanks.....	2 00
distributing inventory blanks.....	2 00
Apr., taking inventory.....	10 00
examining wood lots and lumber.....	10 00
receiving inventory blanks.....	3 00
May, day in session.....	2 00
to Brierley's and Chase's.....	1 00
to Portsmouth on town business.....	1 00
making return of railroad stock.....	1 00
to Brierley's and Chase's.....	1 00
making taxes.....	10 00
writing Collector's book.....	2 00
July, copying invoice book.....	3 00
examining bridge.....	75
Jan., to Portsmouth on town business.....	1 00
thirteen evening sessions.....	6 50
Feb., day in session.....	2 00
day in session.....	2 00

\$62 95

*Town of Stratham to M. S. Chase, Dr.*

Mar., to Portsmouth to meet Tax Commis-	
sioners.....	\$2 70
writing inventory blanks.....	2 00
distributing inventory blanks.....	2 00
Apr., receiving inventory blanks.....	3 00
taking inventory.....	10 00
examining wood lots and lumber.....	10 00

May, day in session .....	\$2 00
July, examining bridge .....	75
Dec., Pray's, on account of stove .....	1 00
Exeter, on town business .....	1 00
14 evening sessions .....	7 00
Feb., 2 days in session .....	4 00

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\$45 45

*Town of Stratham to Benj. Brierley, Dr.*

Mar., to Portsmouth to meet State Tax Com-	
missioners .....	\$2 70
writing inventory blanks .....	2 00
distributing inventory blanks .....	2 00
Apr., one and one-half days in session receiv-	
ing inventory blanks .....	3 00
taking inventory .....	10 00
taking inventory of wood and lumber .	10 00
May, one day in session .....	2 00
July, examining bridges .....	75
Dec., Town business .....	1 00
Feb., 14 evening sessions .....	7 00
two days in session .....	4 00

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\$44 45



## LIST OF BOOKS.

B108	Personal Traits of Abraham Lincoln . . .	<i>Helen Nicolay</i>
B109	The Farmer Boy Who Became a Bishop . . . . .	<i>Anson Rogers Graves</i>
H144	Armaments and Arbitration . . . . .	<i>A. T. Mahan</i>
H145	Deck and Field . . . . .	<i>Frank Warren Hackett</i>
M82	Story Telling in Home and School . . . . .	<i>G. E. and E. N. Partridge</i>
N60	Audel's Answers on Automobiles . . . . .	<i>Gideon Harris</i>
S9	The Promise of American Life . . . . .	<i>Herbert Croly</i>
S10	The Man Farthest Down . . . . .	<i>Booker T. Washington</i>
T100	Your United States . . . . .	<i>Arnold Bennett</i>
T101	The Wilderness of the North Pacific Coast Islands . . . . .	<i>Charles Sheldon</i>
T102	The Land of Footprints . . . . .	<i>Stewart Edward White</i>
U83	The Potato . . . . .	<i>E. H. Grubb and W. S. Guilford</i>
28B2	Charge It . . . . .	<i>Irving Bacheller</i>
35B1	The Spoilers . . . . .	<i>Rex Beach</i>
42C	The Soddy . . . . .	<i>Sarah Comstock</i>
28C5	Corporal Cameron . . . . .	<i>Ralph Connor</i>
43C	The Gulf Between . . . . .	<i>Anna Costantina</i>
44C	The Pictures of Polly . . . . .	<i>Mary King Courtney</i>
31D1	The Voice . . . . .	<i>Margaret Deland</i>
36H1	The Rolling Stone . . . . .	<i>O. Henry</i>
38H1	Miss 318 and Mr. 37 . . . . .	<i>Rupert Hughes</i>
7K3	Miss Philma's Wedding Gown . . . . .	<i>Florence Morse Kingsley</i>
8J3	Cease Firing . . . . .	<i>Mary Johnston</i>
10L8	The Rise of Roscoe Paine . . . . .	<i>Joseph C. Lincoln</i>
12L3	Smoke Bellew . . . . .	<i>Jack London</i>
18L1	The Lady and Sada San . . . . .	<i>Frances Little</i>
26M	Truth Dexter . . . . .	<i>Sidney McCall</i>
33M1	Anne of Green Gables . . . . .	<i>L. M. Montgomery</i>
40M	The Wind Before the Dawn . . . . .	<i>Dell Munger</i>
6O5	The Tempting of Tavernake . .	<i>E. Phillips Oppenheim</i>
20P2	The Harvester . . . . .	<i>Gene-Stratton Porter</i>
14R5	Old Rose and Silver . . . . .	<i>Myrtle Reed</i>

# Annual Report of School Board

## ORGANIZATION.

Albert T. Lane.....	<i>Superintendent</i>
Percy E. Jewell .....	<i>Chairman</i>
Albert C. Lane .....	<i>Secretary</i>
Wilfred H. Batchelder .....	<i>Truant Officer</i>

## CALENDAR, 1913-1914.

Fall term . . .	September 2 to December 19, 16 weeks.
Winter term . . . . .	January 5 to March 13, 10 weeks.
Spring term.....	March 30 to June 12, 11 weeks.

## TEACHERS.

Division I.....	Helen Littlefield
Division II .....	Katherine A. Falvey, Carolyn L. Hunt
Division III .....	Hazel M. Richardson
Division IV..	Arianna B. McNeal, Jessie R. Fogg, Anne Lord

## STATISTICS.

From the registers of last year I have compiled the statistics required by law, and submit them for the information of the public:

Whole number of different pupils over five years of age who have attended at least two weeks.....104

Boys.....54

Girls.....50

Number under five years of age..... 0

Number over sixteen years of age..... 0

Number between five and sixteen..... 104

Average attendance in all schools..... 78.22

Average absence in all schools..... 9.277

Average membership.....87.497

from towns where there has been effected some form of consolidation. It might be well for us to consider whether we cannot find some practical and feasible plan for giving the boys and girls of the town larger opportunities than at present, and realize greater benefits in return for the annual educational expenditure. It is growing more and more difficult to obtain trained and experienced teachers who are willing to take charge of schools where a large number of grades are taught in one room, because they realize that the best results are practically an impossibility.

The emphasis laid upon mental drill in arithmetic and the use of perception cards and charts have produced excellent results, and visiting citizens must have noted with satisfaction the improvement in this important branch of instruction.

Considerable attention has been given during the fall term to the problem of reading. The results in this subject, while much better than last year, are much weaker than in some places elsewhere. Our teachers have been sent to visit school systems in other towns and cities for the specific purpose of investigating methods in reading. The Superintendent has likewise inspected the methods of presenting this subject, and has observed several different systems as they were being worked out side by side. The boys and girls of a fourth grade, if properly taught, should pronounce almost any word accurately and read fluently the average book found in the library.

Penmanship has been presented quite successfully during the past year. Divisions I and III have given more attention to this subject and have as a result carried the work farther than the other schools.

The Palmer Business Method, a muscular arm movement, now in use in the best school systems of New England, has been taught. This method requires of the pupil correct position and rapidity and ease of execution. The time has gone by when we can place the copy-book in the hands of the pupil, leave him to his own devices, and expect "writing" as a result.



Intelligent citizenship is a necessary safe-guard of the republic. New Hampshire requires the teaching of civics in the eighth grade and the reading and discussion of the National and State Constitutions. High schools in the surrounding towns and cities require for entrance an examination in this subject. This year accordingly this branch of study has had excellent presentation by the teachers.

Notice should be taken of the progress in music. The excellent training of the musical supervisor, supplemented by the faithful, painstaking attention of the teachers, has borne fruit. Drawing and manual arts have necessarily been given a limited place in the weekly programme.

Attendance is yet far from satisfactory, but, as will be observed, this year's record is an improvement over that of the year previous. The continuance of the whooping-cough through last spring is a good illustration of the tremendous educational loss due to contagion. No reduction of the annual loss sustained by the town on account of the apparently necessary absences can be expected until some more effective means of supplying the needs of children, without undue delay, have been provided, and greater precaution to prevent the spread of colds and other contagious diseases is taken at home, at church, at school, and at the various places of public resort. Some form of medical supervision, which is so general in almost all civilized countries of the world and has spread so rapidly in the last few years in our own country, would go far toward the reduction of absences due to preventable diseases, would prove an efficacious means of stopping the spread of contagion, and for conserving the health of the community, and would aid parents in the discovery and removal of obscure and minor physical defects. Medical supervision is quite feasible and not very expensive, where several contiguous towns feel the same need and unite to share the expense.

The recent purchase of individual drinking cups by the Board has been a step in the right direction. The use of some disinfectant or germicide by the janitors after sweeping the

rooms would assist in protecting the children from contagion. During the winter months the heating apparatus of two of the schools has given a large amount of trouble. The purchase of double windows and possibly a different type of stove might solve the difficulty. Present conditions, at least, should not be allowed to continue another winter. It is the belief of the writer that some of the throat affections are made more troublesome by the dry heated air of the school rooms. The teachers ventilate as well as they are able, and the air of the rooms is frequently changed, but for the greater part of the time the atmosphere of the rooms contains little moisture. By placing a kettle of water on the stove and allowing the steam to escape, a saturation more nearly equal to that of the air out-doors may be obtained. This method has been employed in at least one school room during the past year.

The school equipment, books, cabinets, globes, etc., is good and does not suffer from comparison with other rural towns. Such additions as are made necessary by wear and by the demands of gradually changing educational requirements are all that is requisite. Tarr and MacMurry's new edition of geographies, containing the latest census figures, the Woods-Hutchinson Health Series, book two, the Art Literature readers, books one, two and three, and several other supplementary readers have been introduced this year to meet more nearly the requirements of the state courses of study. There had been previously no physiology for the use of the upper grades, and in two schools no texts for the study of English and Grammar.

The repairs on the interior of the Winniconic school house have materially improved its appearance. Several new blackboards have been added. They fill a long-felt need. More maps are necessary also. They should be purchased at the beginning of the coming spring term.

The teachers and the pupils under their charge have shown a commendable civic spirit in their endeavor to improve the facilities and the general appearance of their rooms. The book cabinet purchased by the pupils of Division III from

the proceeds of an entertainment is a good instance of this. To foster a spirit of civic loyalty and a pride in our public buildings, it might be well for a committee of three or more citizens, who are interested and skilled in mural art, to draw up a plan for school-room decoration that could run through a number of years. The pictures and other mural decorations should conform to some one idea or artistic conception. After a time our school rooms would be arranged so as to give an air of refinement as well as of convenience. The effect of beautiful and artistic surroundings will have a profound influence upon the ideals and aspirations of the children.

It must be kept in mind that the schools are largely what the people make them. Suggestions and criticisms are welcomed by the Superintendent. Some means of bringing trustworthy, exact information to the attention of the citizens of the town should be found and employed. Assuredly there is no more important duty of the Superintendent than this. During the coming year, some plan should be devised by which the parents, the teachers, and the school authorities can exchange views and co-operate for the welfare of the schools.

Regarding teachers' salaries it may be said that everywhere more recompense is asked, but it is, as in other lines of human endeavor, caused by the increasing high cost of living and the demands of the people for more satisfactory and better trained instructors for the children. The policy of the Board has been far-sighted, and liberal, yet from the standpoint of economy most excellent. The salary should always be graduated to suit the qualifications of the successful applicant, when viewed in comparison with the salaries paid in progressive communities elsewhere.

Last summer a special meeting of the school district was held and the sum of one hundred and thirty dollars was raised to save the town from the loss of the annual state aid, as the decrease in the appropriation made at the annual school district meeting brought the tax for school purposes below the necessary \$4.50 on \$1,000 of equalized valuation.



This year we received from the state, \$796.48. Next year this amount should be increased, unless the decrease in average attendance of pupils should cause the loss of the aid usually given for this purpose. The practical operation of the school laws relating to state aid should be known by every citizen. Apparently it is good policy financially to retain state aid as long as possible. To bring the tax up to \$4.50 on \$1,000 of equalized valuation for the coming year, the district must raise in total \$2,442 for school purposes, the amount required by law being \$1,147.50. The state aid received during the past year was as follows: Certified teachers, \$112; average attendance, \$111; high school tuition, \$241.20; salary of Superintendent, \$250; literary fund, \$82.28.

The unfailing, sympathetic support of the members of your Board, their endeavor to make effective plans that have been outlined and put in operation; the conscientious, enthusiastic co-operation of the teachers; the cordial and generous attitude of the parents and the public generally is hereby recognized, and is highly appreciated by me. Such support is a source of inspiration for greater endeavor, and I hope, a basis upon which to build for larger results and a higher degree of efficiency in the operation of our schools.

Respectfully submitted, .

ALBERT T. LANE.

# Treasurer of School District's Report

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## *Receipts.*

Balance in treasury from last year . . . . .	\$1,467 21
Received from George L. Barker, Town Treasurer:	
Amount required by law . . . . .	1,147 50
raised in addition . . . . .	500 00
for supervision . . . . .	250 00
music . . . . .	100 00
repairs . . . . .	100 00
repairs in division 3 . . . . .	150 00
salaries . . . . .	75 00
received from literary fund . . . . .	82 28
dog licenses . . . . .	80 75
town of Hampton, books . . . . .	2 40
state, 1/2 Supt's. salary . . . . .	250 00
state, tuition rebate . . . . .	241 20
state, for qualified teachers . . . . .	112 00
state, average attendance . . . . .	111 00
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	\$4,669 34

\*In addition to this amount there is \$130.00 due the district from the town which was voted at a special school meeting held July 2. The amount raised at the March meeting was not enough to entitle the District to State Aid, so this special meeting was called and the requisite amount raised to entitle us to such aid.

*Expenditures.*

## SALARIES.

Albert T. Lane, Superintendent .....	\$541 70
C. L. Akeley, Music Teacher .....	100 00
Percy E. Jewell, Chairman School Board ...	35 00
Albert C. Lane, School Board .....	15 00
Wilfred Batchelder, Truant Officer .....	25 00
Frank H. Pearson, Clerk and Treasurer ....	20 00

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 \$736 70
*Division 1.*

Miss Mary L. Nixon, 6 weeks at \$12.00 ....	\$72 00
Miss Helen M. Littlefield, 31 weeks at \$11.00	
and \$12.00 .....	361 00

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 \$433 00
*Division 2.*

Miss Katherine Falvey, 17 weeks at \$10.50	\$178 50
Miss Caroline L. Hunt, 19 weeks at \$10.50	
and \$11.00 .....	203 50

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 \$382 00
*Division 3.*

Miss Hazel M. Richardson, 37 weeks at \$10.50 and	
\$11.50 .....	\$408 50

*Division 4.*

Miss Arianna B. McNeal, 17 weeks at \$10.00	\$170 00
Miss Jessie R. Fogg, 16 weeks at \$10.00 ...	160 00
Miss Annie H. Lord, 4 weeks at \$10.00 .....	40 00

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 \$370 00

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 \$1,593 50

## JANITORS.

*Division 1.*

Chester Scammon .....	\$5 50
J. Lamson Emery .....	13 50

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 \$19 00
*Division 2.*

Ernest Wiggin .....	\$5 30
Charlie Darbyshire .....	13 75
Joseph Parks .....	2 20

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 \$21 25
*Division 3.*

Alice M. Grant .....	\$21 75
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*Division 4.*

Ralph P. Lane .....	\$11 00
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 \$73 00

## REPAIRS.

Fred C. Bond, Division 2 .....	\$5 00
Hilliard & Kimball, labor on funnel, Div. 3	2 80
Pennsylvania Metal Co., ceiling, Division 3.	31 15
F. H. Brewster, Division 3 .....	18 75
Fred Nealey, labor, Division 2 .....	3 00
Fred Nealey, labor, Division 3 .....	19 50
Fred Nealey, labor, Division 1 .....	2 00
Fred Nealey, labor, Division 4 .....	1 50
Fred Nealey, stock and labor, Division 3 ...	42 50
Fred Nealey, labor, Division 1 .....	2 50
Joseph Parks, stock and labor, Division 2 ..	3 70

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 \$132 40



## TUITION AT APPROVED SCHOOLS.

## EXETER HIGH SCHOOL.

Vernon C. Bond .....	\$10 00	
G. Wallace Odell .....	10 00	
Harold P. Odell .....	37 00	
Lauris G. Godfrey .....	37 00	
Percy D. Murray .....	37 00	
Philip Brierley .....	27 00	
John H. Caverly .....	27 00	
Milton Caverly .....	27 00	
Maurice Cottrell .....	27 00	
Louis Odell .....	27 00	
Chester Scammon .....	27 00	
Harold Syphers .....	27 00	
		<hr/> \$320 00

## PORTSMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL.

Arthur Morse .....	\$13 34	
Bertha Chapman .....	13 34	
Doris Littlefield .....	13 34	
		<hr/> \$40 02

## ROBINSON SEMINARY.

Pauline Severance .....	\$40 00	
Vera Tuttle .....	40 00	
Bertha Chapman .....	13 00	
Alice Odell .....	13 00	
Florence Odell .....	40 00	
Edith Lane .....	40 00	
Myra Jewell .....	40 00	
Beulah Edmunds .....	13 00	
H. Myrtle Brewster .....	40 00	
Maude Thompson .....	40 00	
Bertha Stickney .....	40 00	
Sadie Smith .....	40 00	
Evelyn Wiggin .....	27 00	
		<hr/> \$426 00
		<hr/> \$786 02

## FUEL.

Paul W. Goodsoe:

For $4\frac{1}{4}$ cords wood for Division 1 .....	\$23 39
For $8\frac{1}{4}$ cords wood for Division 2 .....	45 89
For 5 cords wood for Division 3 .....	28 01
For $4\frac{3}{4}$ cords wood for Division 4 .....	26 64

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 \$123 93

## BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

E. E. Babb & Co.....	\$109 70
American Book Co.....	25 40
Houghton, Mifflin Co.....	15 32
The Palmer Co.....	2 50
Guy C. Hendry, three encyclopedias.....	13 50
George H. Odell.....	25 45
R. E. Lane.....	68
Atkinson, Mentzer Co.....	6 58
Albert T. Lane.....	1 05

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 \$200 18

## MISCELLANEOUS.

Mrs. John Billings, cleaning school houses ..	\$16 00
Donald McLachlan, professional services....	10 00
Albert T. Lane, cash paid out.....	1 70
J. W. Snell, labor on well, Div. 2.....	80
Percy Jewell, cash paid out and sundries ...	19 32
Hilliard & Kimball, labor on pump, Div. 3 .	7 20
F. H. Pearson, postage.....	1 68

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 \$56 70

## RECAPITULATION.

Salaries of Superintendent, Music Teacher and School Officials.....	\$736 70
Salaries of Teachers.....	1,593 50
Books and supplies.....	200 18

Janitors.....	\$73 00
Repairs.....	132 40
Tuition at approved schools.....	786 02
Fuel.....	123 93
Miscellaneous.....	56 70
Balance on hand.....	966 91
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	\$4,669 34

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February 15, 1913.

We have this day examined the account of School Treasurer, Frank H. Pearson, and find it correctly cast and properly vouched, and a balance in hand of nine hundred and sixty-six dollars and ninety-one cents.

BENJ. BRIERLEY,  
 GEORGE W. DIXON,  
*Auditors.*

# School Warrant

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## THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

*To the Inhabitants of the School district in the Town of Stratham,  
qualified to vote in district affairs:*

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said district on the fifteenth day of March, 1913, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.

To choose a member of the School Board for the ensuing two years.

4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
6. To choose Agents, Auditors, and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.

7. To see how much money the District will raise and appropriate for the support of schools.

8. To see if the District will authorize the School Board to employ a Music Teacher for the ensuing year, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

9. To see if the District will vote to build a separate building for the toilet at Division IV, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

Given under our hands at said Stratham this 24th day of February, 1913.

PERCY E. JEWELL,  
ALBERT C. LANE,  
*School Board.*

A true copy of warrant—Attest:

PERCY E. JEWELL,  
ALBERT C. LANE,  
*School Board.*



# BIRTHS Recorded in the Town of Stratham, N. H., for the year Ending December 31, 1912.

Date	Name of Child (if any).	Living or Still-born.		Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.
		Male or Female.	No. of Child.				
Apr. 18	Etta Elizabeth Wells	F	11	Perley J. Wells	Sarah Wentworth	Epping	Stratham.
June 21	Charles R. Otis	M	3	Robert R. Otis	Frances Hallinan	Stratham	Portsmouth.
16	Levi Henry Barker	"	5	Frank H. Barker	Laura Snell	Stratham	Nova Scotia.
July 1	Victor F. Haley	"	7	John J. Haley	Belle Lanette	Exeter	Canada.
July 21, '11	Carl Moulton Dining	"	2	Leslie Dining	Myrtle Ropes	North Hampton	Greenland.
Aug. 18	Bernice Adeline	F	6	James O'Brien	Cora A. Wentworth	New Brunswick	Stratham.

MARRIAGES Registered in the Town of Stratham, N. H. for the year ending December 31, 1912.

Date	Place of Marriage.	Name and Surname of groom and bride.	Age in years.	Color of each.	Place of Birth of each.	Names of Parents.	Condition.	Name, Residence and Official Station of person by whom married.
July 25	Exeter	Philip Burton Gertrude I. Smith	30 24	W "	Cardiff, Wales Concord	Goodyln Burton John Smith		Fred S. Fellowes, J. P., Exeter.
Aug. 11	Stratham	George R. Chase Edith May Foss.	28 21	W "	Stratham S. Berwick, Me.	George W. Chase Samuel Foss		Rev. Bernard Copping, Stratham.

**DEATHS Registered in the Town of Stratham, N. H., for the year ending December 31, 1912**

Date	Name and surname of Deceased.	Age.			Place of Birth.	Male or Female.	Color.	Single, Married or Widowed.	Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.
		Years.	Months.	Days.						
23 Jan.	Jennie M. Wigginn	77	2	22	Corinth, Me.	F	W	W	Gideon Wigginn	Elizabeth Brown.
13 April	Eva Dick	11			Stratham	"	"	"	Cyprian Dick	Arthemas Duba.
14	Albert A. Haven	66	8		Stratham	M	"	"	Levi Hoag	
15	Ethel H. Jewell	27	4	10	Dover	F	"	"	Benjamin Brierley	Harriet Tarbuck.
29 May	Edwin J. Barrett	81	8	14	Sherborn, Ms.	M	"	"	Samuel W. Barrett	Lydia Frost.
9	Charles N. Goff	49			Rehoboth, Ms.	"	"	"	Ephraim Goff	Harriet Davis.
26 Aug.	John F. Smart	62	6	12	Raymond	"	"	"	John H. Smart	Hannah Cleaves.
8 Oct.	Annie F. Hervey	51	9	14	Exeter	F	"	"	Frank H. Hervey	Mary J. Chase.
16 Dec.	Martha A. Shorten	76	3	16	Tuftonboro	"	"	"	Levi Ladd	Hannah Young.
4	Isaac N. Stockbridge	67	7		Stratham	M	"	"	James Stockbridge	Olive Lang.







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